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BEAVER PLANTING SUCCESSFUL
ON UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

The attempts recently made to stock the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge with beaver colonies are beginning to show good results. The superintendent of the refuge, in a recent report to the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the new reservation, states that the beavers captured in northern Wisconsin last spring and liberated on the flats near Wabasha, Minn., are apparently doing well. Reservation rangers of the bureau recently discovered two fine new lodges constructed by the animals on a small slough near the place they were liberated. After seeing these, the superintendent stated that from the quantity of winter food collected by the beavers and submerged in front of the new lodges and from the extent the animals have cut the aspen and willow growth along the slough, there has been some increase from the pairs liberated. The fact that the beavers are remaining and building their lodges in the bottomland instead of following up some of the streams coming in from the hills, confirms the early opinion of the superintendent that the bottomlands are admirably adapted to beaver colonization. He considers it desirable to stock the bottomlands with beavers at various points along the three-hundred miles over which the refuge extends.

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